

City Council Agenda Preview

March 17, 2015

▶ **Presentation**

- ▶ **Item 1: Introduction of New Director of Community Services Scott Wasserman**
 - ▶ The City welcomes Scott Wasserman as the new Director of Community Services. Mr. Wasserman was formerly the Director of Parks and Recreation in the City of Commerce, where he managed an \$11 million budget and 35 full-time and 215 part-time employees. Prior to this, Scott managed neighborhood and park initiatives as a City of Santa Monica Human Services Administrator. He began his municipal career with the City of Pico Rivera as a Community Services Manager and Public Safety Manager.
- ▶ **Item 2: A Presentation to the City Council for Two Awards Received for the Lake Forest Sports Park**
 - ▶ In February 2015, the City accepted the 2015 Outstanding Project Achievement Award and the Parks and Recreation Project of the Year Award for the Lake Forest Sports Park. The Sports Park is a premier facility providing top-of-the-line athletic amenities in an environment that is enjoyed by all facets of the community. The architectural sustainable-design of the buildings responds to the needs and reflects the heritage of the community by preserving all natural systems that previously occupied the site before the park's development.

▶ **Consent Calendar**

- ▶ **Item 3: Certification of Warrant Register**
 - ▶ City Council reviews and approves payment of City invoices. City invoices totaled approximately \$858,037 for the time period reviewed.
- ▶ **Item 4: Waive Reading of Ordinances and Resolutions**
 - ▶ To save time, the City Clerk will read only the titles of any Ordinances and Resolutions on the public agenda.
- ▶ **Item 5: Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City Council Held on February 17, 2015**
- ▶ **Item 6: Adoption of Ordinance No. 271 Relating to the Feeding of Wildlife**
 - ▶ City Council may approve a second reading of an ordinance that would allow the Parks and Recreation Commission to hold a public hearing to designate a public park as "overcrowded" by wildlife, thereby, prohibiting the feeding of animals at only those locations. In addition, violation of the ordinance could be considered either a misdemeanor violation of the Municipal Code or an infraction. If adopted, the ordinance would become effective on April 16, 2015.

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▶ **Consent Calendar (continued)**

- ▶ **Item 7: February 2015 Monthly Treasurer's Report**
 - ▶ The February 2015 Treasurer's Report provides information on the City's investment portfolio. All investments are in compliance with the City's Investment Policy.
- ▶ **Item 8: Second Amendment to the Agreement with White Nelson Diehl Evans for Auditing Services**
 - ▶ City Council may extend the term of the agreement with White Nelson Diehl Evans through April 21, 2017 and increase compensation by \$135,120 for a total contract amount of \$383,000. The firm would continue providing financial auditing services for the City, single audits of federal grants, and special audits.
- ▶ **Item 9: Draft Fiscal Year 2015-2020 CDBG Five-Year Consolidated Plan and Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Draft Expenditure Plan**
 - ▶ A draft FY 2015-2020 Consolidated Plan and a draft FY 2015-2016 Expenditure Plan are presented to Council for approval. The proposed expenditure plan would be the basis for preparing a draft Action Plan that must be submitted to the Department of Housing and Urban Development by May 15 to secure a \$381,833 grant to fund various public service programs and capital projects. The public will have an opportunity to comment on the draft Action Plan before final review and adoption by the Council at the May 5 meeting.
- ▶ **Item 10: Submittal of Annual Housing Element Progress Report to State Department of Housing and Community Development**
 - ▶ City Council may authorize staff to submit an annual Housing Element Report for the January 31, 2014 to December 31, 2014 period to the Department of Housing and Community Development and the Governor's Office of Planning and Research. The report shows the City's progress in implementing the Housing Element based on statutory timeframes.

▶ **Public Hearings**

- ▶ **Item 11: Public hearing to consider Street Names for the Portola Center Residential Project**
 - ▶ City Council may adopt a resolution approving street names for the Portola Center Development project. The names are thematic to southern California as well as local geographical landmarks and pertain to landforms, trees, and other natural features.

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► Discussion

► Item 12: Mid-Year Budget Review

- ▶ Staff reviews the budget during mid-year and makes recommendations to the Council regarding revenues, expenditures, and interfund transfers. The proposed mid-year budget review would increase General Fund revenues by \$233,000 and decrease expenditures by \$193,100. A summary of ending fund balances are:
 - General Fund \$24.3 million
 - Special Revenue Funds \$2.6 million
 - Capital Funds \$21.1 million
 - Reserve Funds \$19.6 million

► Item 13: Review of the Financial Investment Policy

- ▶ At the request of Mayor Pro Tem Hamilton, the City Council will discuss the City's Investment Policy and any potential changes in the Policy. Annually reviewed by the Council to ensure compliance with State law, the Policy emphasizes the safety, liquidity, and yield of the portfolio.

► Item 14: Discussion Regarding Regional Meetings with the Cities of Mission Viejo and Irvine

- ▶ At the request of Council Member Gardner, the City Council will discuss potentially holding regional meetings with the cities of Mission Viejo and Irvine on topics such as transportation, development, and other subjects impacting these communities. The report also informs the Council that these regional meetings would be subject to the Brown Act and require that each City notice each meeting and enable members of the public to attend and participate.

► Item 15: Legislative and Regulatory Matters

- ▶ City Council will discuss RN#15 08847, a budget trailer bill intended to clarify provisions of the redevelopment dissolution legislation (Assembly Bill 1484). Although the trailer bill would enable some potentially positive changes, the proposed bill would enhance the Department of Finance's authority by exempting the Department's actions from the Administrative Procedures Act and limit the ability of successor agencies to claim certain expenditures as enforceable obligations, or overturn legal victories of other successor agencies. Staff recommends the City Council take a position of conditional opposition, directing staff to prepare a letter explaining that, while the bill contains positive clarifications to the dissolution process, the City's opposition is based predominantly on those aspects of the budget trailer bill that may negatively impact successor agencies throughout the State.